

Remarks

Claims 1-46 are pending. Claims 19-33 and 35-46 are withdrawn. Claims 1-18 and 34 are rejected.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-18 and 34 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9 and 14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,221,425 and claims 1-17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,656,517. Applicant submits herewith the following: (1) a properly executed Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate A Double Patenting Rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,221,425 and (2) a properly executed Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate A Double Patenting Rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,656,517. The rejections are therefore moot.

CONCLUSION

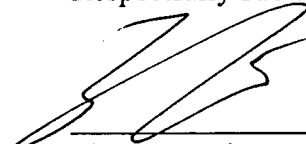
Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

The undersigned authorizes the examiner to charge any fees that may be required or credit of any overpayment to be made to Deposit Account No. 07-1850.

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